

PROCLAMATION
PROCLAIMING APRIL AS NATIONAL AUTISM
AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, learning and behavioral skills of those affected by it, and,

WHEREAS, autism was once thought to be a relatively rare disorder, affecting only one in 10,000 people, and,

WHEREAS, as more and more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autistic spectrum, resulting in rates as high as one in 88 US children; and,

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it often is possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives; and,

WHEREAS, April is NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH, and Autism Speaks is spearheading an awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Biggs, does hereby proclaim April as NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH, and urge all employees and residents to participate in support of National Autism Awareness Month, in order to become better educated on the subject of autistic spectrum disorders.

Dated: April 16, 2012

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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